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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Examiner
Abbas Abdulsalam

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jan 8, 2002

☒ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-7 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-7 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-7 have been considered but they are moot in view of the new ground for the rejection

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omae et al. (USPN 5963283) in view of Honda et al. (USPN 5147127)

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Omae teaches about a liquid crystal panel and projection display device for enlarging and projecting to a screen (176). Omae teaches images displayed on a small liquid crystal panel (177) are enlarged and projected using project lens (174). In connection to liquid crystal panels, Omae teaches specific electrode pattern on a circuit board, and electrode substrates in pixel display area. See column 1, lines 9-15, 20-23, column 2, lines 6-15, and column 4, lines 13-21, and Fig 21. However, Omae does not teach about a projection a holder fixed on the circuit board for holding the display panel that is connected with the electrodes. Honda on the other hand teaches a liquid crystal apparatus with holding unit (40), a holding plate (41), and a display panel (30). See Fig 1. Honda also teaches supply terminals (48a,

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48b) contacted to the outer bottom (13a, 13b) acting as electrodes and receiving terminal. Fig. 3 and Column. 5, lines 17-27.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Omae's projection display device to include Honda's holding unit to better support Omae's projection display apparatus. One would have been motivated in view of the suggestion in Honda that the holding unit of the apparatus is equivalent of the desired holder.

Regarding claim 3, Honda teaches a lighting unit (20) along with fluorescent lamp (11) whose light reflected from the reflecting film. See Fig 1 and col. 1, lines 26-34.

Regarding claim 4, Honda teaches a pair of wires (71a, 71b). See Fig 7.

Regarding claim 5, See Fig 1.

Regarding claim 6, Omae teaches a liquid crystal panel (177) with respect to the formation of an optical images. Omae teaches the formation as a change in light scattering is converted to a change in brightness on the screen (176). Column 18, lines 44-55.

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Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Abbas Abdulsalam** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-8591**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard Hjerpe** can be reached at **(703) 305-4709**.

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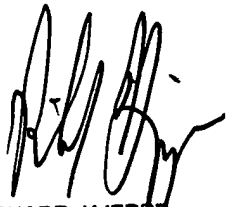
Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal park II, crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or preceding should be directed to the Technology center 2600 Customer Service office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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